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Friday, April 12, 2024

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Athens, Tennessee

USPS Considering Moving Mail Operations Out of Knoxville

The U.S. Postal Service is considering transferring some mail operations from Knoxville to Nashville, aiming to modernize without “career layoffs”. However, concerns persist among employees, fearing potential job losses despite reassurances. Documents from the USPS detailing the possible change suggest that the Knoxville facility is not closing. However, union documents suggest that 71 positions in East Tennessee may be affected. USPS anticipates cost savings of up to \$1.3 million in mail processing costs, and \$1.1 million in maintenance costs. A union leader with USPS workers said workers with less than two years of service are usually the first to be impacted. Representative Tim Burchett stated that he is in talks with the Postmaster General and has shared his concerns about the possible relocation. Workers have stated that the relocation of the processing operations to Nashville could delay mail delivery by about a day.

Local and Area Events

- Thomas the Tank Engine is pulling into the Tennessee Valley Railroad in Chattanooga on April 20 - 21. Tickets start at \$25 and grant you access to a train ride, games, live entertainment and so much more. Get your tickets [HERE!](#)
- The Walk Run Pedal Jamz Festival is coming to Athens on Saturday April 20 from 10 am - 7:30 pm at Athens Regional Park! Enjoy vendors, food trucks, live music and leisure walk, run and biking events. There will be trout fishing (with license), a kid zone and so much more! The event is absolutely FREE and open to the public! To register click [HERE!](#) See their ad below for more info.
- [Studio 3:16 Community Art Space](#) is hosting a “[Funky Rooster Palette Knife Painting](#)” class on Friday, April 19 at 5:30 pm. This one is perfect for the end of the week. The palette knife technique is a laid back and fun way to paint. Bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages to make it a party with your friends! The cost is \$35 per person. All skill levels welcome! The studio is located at 316 N. White Street in Athens and there is a limit of 10 seats, so don't wait and click [HERE](#) to secure your spot!

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Obituaries

Larry Lee Corbitt, 72 of Decatur, passed away on Wednesday, April 10th. He was the epitome of a family man. His faith was in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. A Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Standifer Cemetery in Sale Creek. The family will receive friends from 12 noon – 2p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Corbitt Family.

James E. Young Jr., 88 of Maryville, passed away during the afternoon of March 2nd. James served in the Navy as part of the VW-4 Hurricane Hunters. He enjoyed camping, boating, water-skiing and fishing. It was his wish that no funeral service be held. Interment for James and wife, Pat Young will take place on April 19th at 11:00 AM at Forest Hill Baptist Church, Maryville, TN. Companion Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - Mostly sunny, windy, & cooler. Possible rain. High 64.

Friday Night - Clear. Low 45.

Saturday - Warmer. Plenty of sunshine. High 74.

Saturday Night - Partly Cloudy. Low 53.

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Church News and Events

- There is a Community Dinner being held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. It will take place on April 20th from Noon until 2 pm. It will feature Fried Pork Chops with all the fixings as well as dessert and a drink. It is completely FREE and open to all. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is located at 1923 Pleasant Hill Road in Ten Mile, TN.
- There is a revival at Walnut Grove Baptist Church (14108 N Nopone Valley Rd., Decatur) starting Sunday, April 14 through April 17. Evangelist Rick Coram will be bringing the message with special singers each service. Sunday at 11 am will be the church choir and Steve Miller. Sunday night at 6 pm will be The Hale Family. Monday at 7 pm will be the Trinity Trio. Tuesday at 7 pm will be The Carters. Wednesday at 7 pm will be The Joyfullettes.
- Athens Christian Church (802 S. Matlock Ave., Athens) will hold their Board and Ladies Fellowship Meetings on Sunday, April 14 at 5 pm. They will hear reports concerning all aspects of the church. These meetings are open to the public and encouraged for anyone who wants to come.
- David Raby will be singing at the McMahan Calvary Baptist Church this Sunday, April 14th during their 11 a.m. worship service. The church is located on County Road 172 about 1 mile behind Wendy's Restaurant off Decatur Pike in Athens.
- Free Outreach Deliverance Classes are held every Thursday 7:00 pm at Planted in Christ Outreach Fellowship located at: 317 Maple Street in Athens. For more information: call 423-435-8986.

SB 1325 Passes in Senate, Heads to House



The Tennessee Senate, in a 26 - 5 vote along partisan lines, passed a bill allowing certain teachers and staff to carry concealed handguns in public schools.

Amid protests from gun control advocates, Lt. Gov. Randy McNally ordered state troopers to clear the gallery of the protesters. The bill awaits a vote in the House and lays out the different conditions to guns entering local classrooms.

First, the local district and law enforcement agency would have to agree to pursue the policy. Second, interested teachers and school staff who have an enhanced handgun permit would have to complete 40 hours of certified training in school policing at their own expense, and pass a mental health evaluation and an FBI background check. That training would have to be renewed every year that the teacher was carrying. *(Story continued on Page 4)*

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Parents would not be notified if their child's teacher is armed. And one provision of the bill shields districts and law enforcement agencies from potential civil lawsuits over how a teacher or school employee uses, or doesn't use, a handgun under the proposed law. Critics argue it puts children at risk and is contradictory to past laws enacted under parental rights. Proponents say it's necessary for protecting against potential school shooters.

Sen. Paul Bailey, the sponsor of the bill in the Senate, explained that the clause regarding not informing parents is aimed at dissuading potential intruders who wouldn't be aware of which staff members are armed. He clarified that any responsibility for an incident would fall on the teacher opting to carry a firearm under the legislation.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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MCHS Athletics Tryouts

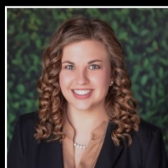
- Lady Cherokees Basketball tryouts for the 2024-2025 season will take place at the MCHS Gymnasium from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday, May 24th.
- Cherokee Basketball tryouts for the 2024-2025 season will be spread over two days on BOTH Friday, May 24th from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 25th from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. Boys must attend at least one tryout day.
- The Lady Cherokees Softball Team is holding Softball tryouts on Tuesday, May 28 at the MCHS Softball Field from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Any person interested must bring proof of physical, bat, cleats, gloves, tennis shoes and helmet. Previous Softball Experience preferred. Rain Date is scheduled for May 30.



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E.G. Fisher Public Library Programs in April

E.G. Fisher Public Library is thrilled to announce its lineup of diverse and engaging programs for the month of April. There is something for everyone in the community to enjoy. All programs are free, and library cards are not required to participate in programs.

- **Chess Club**
Date: Second Saturday of Every Month – April 13th
Time: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Calling all chess enthusiasts! Our new Chess Club meets monthly for open play and basic instruction. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Feel free to bring your own chess set and join us for a fun-filled session.
- **Poetry Reading**
Date: Monday, April 15th
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Join acclaimed poets Dr. Patricia Waters and Alice Friman as they captivate audiences with readings of their acclaimed works.
- **ASL & Deaf Study Group**
Date: Friday, April 12th and 26th
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
The ASL & Deaf Study Group provides a welcoming space for individuals interested in American Sign Language and Deaf culture. Participants will engage in online lessons followed by group practice. This is a hands-only, no voices environment. This program is tailored for college-aged individuals, but learners of high school age or up are welcome to attend.
- **Estate Planning Workshop**
Date: Thursday, April 18th
Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Join Joseph Ladner, CFP®, ChFC®, CEPA® for an workshop on creating your estate plan. Learn essential strategies and tips for securing your financial future. Registration is required. Call the library to reserve your spot.
- **Creative Minds Unleashed: Multi Art Media Club for Tweens/Teens**
Date: April 18th
Time: 4:30PM -5:30 PM
Calling all young artists! Bring your creativity to our Multi Art Media Club where we'll explore creativity, share ideas, and develop skills in a supportive and inclusive environment. Members will come together for a lively and interactive meeting where they'll have the chance to showcase their artwork and writing pieces. Capture your interpretation of the prompt in any art form. This month's theme is "Reflections."
- **Game Night for Adults**
Date: April 18th
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00PM
Join us for a night of friendly competition and camaraderie at our Adult Game Night. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind and connect with others.
- **Local Author Meet & Greet with Julia Erman**
Date: Tuesday, April 23rd
Time: 11:00AM – 1:00 PM
Meet and mingle with talented local author, Julia Erman. Discover new books, hear about her writing process, and get your copies signed.
- **Autism Awareness Walk**
Date: Saturday, April 27th
Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Join us for an Autism Awareness Walk in our scenic wetlands. All are welcome to participate in this meaningful event. Storytime will start at 11:00 AM at the amphitheater.

For more information about these programs and to stay updated on future events, please visit E.G. Fisher Library on Facebook, fisherlibrary.org, or call 423-745-7782.



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